

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (LANA)

YEAR 8 LITERACY ASSESSMENT (SAMPLE TEST)

Time Allowed: 60 minutes

(An extra 10 minutes is allowed for reading this paper.)

There are sixty questions in this Assessment. Answer all the questions.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Check that your name is printed at the top of your Answer Sheet, and that it is correct.
2. On your **Answer Sheet**, draw a cross in the box next to the letter of the **best** answer.

For example, if you select B as your answer, you should draw a cross in the box next to the letter B.

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3. If you change your mind, shade out your answer as shown, and place a cross in the box for your new answer.

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4. If you change your mind again and like your first answer better, shade out your second answer and tick (✓) your first answer.

For example:

33	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D	<input type="checkbox"/>
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5. If your cross is too big for the box, or if you draw a circle, your answer will be marked wrong.

cross is too big

32	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	<input type="checkbox"/>
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circles are not to be used

34	A	<input type="checkbox"/>	B	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	<input type="checkbox"/>	D	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Your supervisor or teacher can help you with these instructions but will NOT help you answer the questions.

20. Choose the correct words to fill in the blanks.

The _____ to the throne has long golden _____.

- A. hare / hair
B. hair / heir
C. heir / hair
D. heir / hare
21. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

We continued training _____ the rain.

- A. although
B. besides
C. despite
D. while
22. Where does the missing apostrophe (') go?

A. B. C. D.
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Peoples ideas about animals in zoos make me angry.

23. Which of the following should end with a question mark?

- A. How to make a kite
B. How will you make it
C. How we did it is not important
D. How amazing to see a falling star
24. Which sentence has the correct punctuation?
- A. "I'll go fishing tonight", said Pita.
B. "I'll go fishing tonight," said Pita.
C. "I'll go fishing tonight." said Pita.
D. "I'll go fishing tonight, said Pita."

25. Which words correctly complete the sentence?

The driver avoided the highway because there_____.

- A. is an accident
 B. has been an accident
 C. had been an accident
 D. would be an accident
26. Which sentence is correct?
- A. Regarding Serevi, my rugby skills are quite basic.
 B. In regards to Serevi, my rugby skills are quite basic.
 C. Comparing Serevi's, my rugby skills are quite basic.
 D. In comparison with Serevi's, my rugby skills are quite basic.
27. Which words correctly complete the sentence?

If I were a bird, I _____.

- A. will fly
 B. would fly
 C. could have flown
 D. would have flown
28. Choose the correct word to fill in the blank.

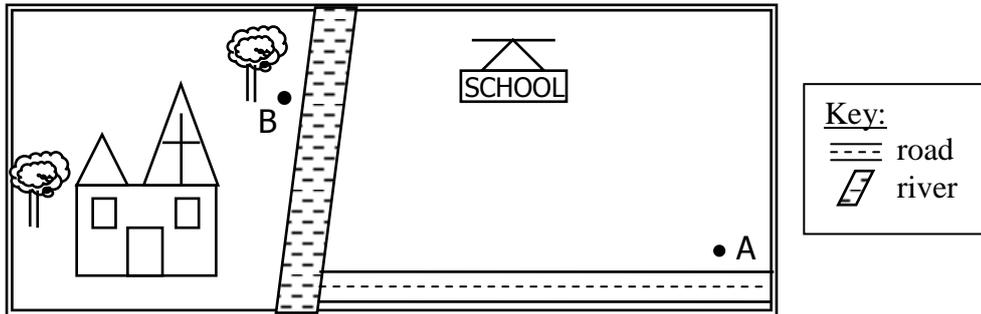
We kept on working _____ we were very tired.

- A. as
 B. although
 C. because
 D. since
29. What is the correct order for writing the paragraph below?

1. He walked to the Post Office.
2. Michael drafted a letter.
3. At the Post Office, Michael dropped the letter in the local mail.
4. He typed it on the computer and printed it.

- A. 1, 2, 3, 4,
 B. 2, 4, 1, 3
 C. 4, 2, 1, 3
 D. 4, 1, 2, 3

30. How would you direct a person travelling from point A to point B in the diagram below?



- A. Walk along the road; turn right, when opposite the tree cross the river.
- B. Walk along the road, cross the river and turn left.
- C. Cross the river and walk to the road.
- D. Cross the road and walk to the river.
31. Choose the correct question for the statement below.

Sigatoka Valley is known as the salad bowl of Fiji.

- A. Where is the salad bowl of Fiji?
- B. Where is the Sigatoka Valley in Fiji?
- C. Who is known as the salad bowl of Fiji?
- D. What is known as the salad bowl of Fiji?
32. How is this sentence expressed correctly in reported speech?

"I am going to the shop," said Timoci.

- A. Timoci said that he went to the shop.
- B. Timoci said that he had gone to the shop.
- C. Timoci said that he was going to the shop.
- D. Timoci said that he will be going to the shop.

33. How is this sentence expressed correctly in direct speech?

The Principal announced that the school would be closed on Wednesday.

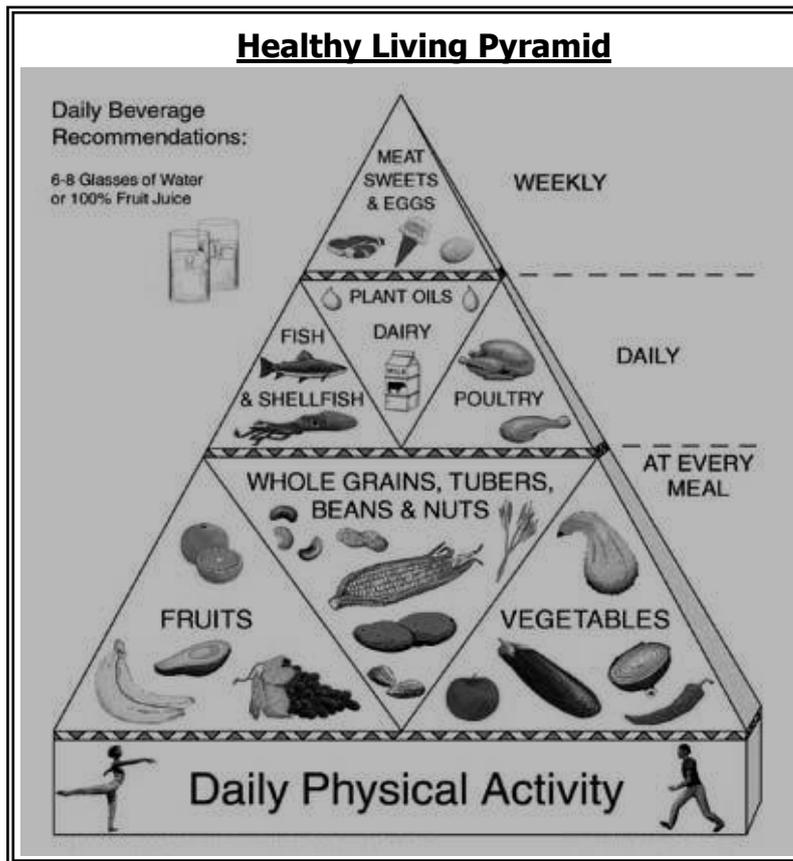
- A. "The school will be closed on Wednesday," announced the Principal.
 B. "The school was closed on Wednesday," announced the Principal.
 C. "The school is going to be closed," announced the Principal.
 D. "The school will be closed," said the Principal.
34. What is the correct order for the recipe?

Making Hot Cocoa

1. Put 1½ teaspoon of cocoa, 1 teaspoon of sugar and 1½ teaspoon of milk in a mug.
2. Boil for 10 minutes.
3. Fill kettle to the brim.
4. Serve while hot, with scone or cake.
5. Mix well, then add hot water.

- A. 3, 2, 1, 5, 4
 B. 3, 2, 1, 4, 5
 C. 3, 4, 5, 1, 2
 D. 3, 5, 2, 1, 4
35. If your friend's name is Unaisi Volatabu, what is the correct greeting to use when writing a letter to your friend?
- A. Dear Madam
 B. Dear Mrs Unaisi Volatabu
 C. Dear Unaisi
 D. Dear Unaisi Volatabu
36. When applying for a job, which of the following would be the ending of your application letter?
- A. Yours faithfully
 B. Yours sincerely
 C. Yours truly
 D. Your friend

Study the diagram below and answer questions 37 – 40.



37. Which food should be taken daily?
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| A. eggs | B. meat |
| C. milk | D. soft drink |
38. An example of a whole grain food would be
- | | |
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| A. brown bread. | B. potato. |
| C. egg. | D. meat. |
39. How often should you exercise?
- | | |
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| A. at every meal | B. daily |
| C. weekly | D. monthly |
40. What lesson can you learn from this diagram?
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| A. Eat foods that are sweet and tasty. |
| B. Eat fruits and vegetables moderately. |
| C. Drink one glass of water and exercise daily. |
| D. Nutritious food and exercise are important in life. |

Read the poem below and answer questions 41 – 45.

Courage

Courage is what it takes to stand up to others.
 Courage is what it takes to make your own decisions.
 Courage is what it takes to succeed.
 But it also takes courage to sit down and listen.
 It also takes courage to admit a loss.
 It will take courage to respect someone others don't.
 Courage is needed to withstand **peer pressure**.

So what does this mean?
 Courage is **essential** in your journey through life.

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41. The poem is about how
- A friends show courage.
 - B. courage promotes loss.
 - C. courage promotes peer pressure.
 - D. people can show courage in different ways.
42. The word '**essential**' as used in the poem means very
- A. exciting.
 - B. encouraging.
 - C. important.
 - D. interesting.
43. The words '**peer pressure**' as used in the poem mean
- A. bad influence from family.
 - B. bad influence from friends.
 - C. good influence from family.
 - D. good influence from friends.
44. Choose an example of a **repetition** used in the poem.
- A. courage is
 - B. others decisions
 - C. peer pressure
 - D. succeed don't

45. What lesson do you learn from this poem?
- A. It takes courage to lose.
 - B. It takes courage to sit down.
 - C. It takes courage to do the right things.
 - D. It takes courage to do the wrong things.

Read the story below and answer questions 46 – 50.

One day, Rosy went to a grocery shop to buy bread. When she saw that the shopkeeper was busy with the other customers, she stole some toffees from a jar.

When she got back home, her mother asked her where she got the toffees from. Rosy told her mother the truth.

Her mother said, "It's really very bad to steal. The shopkeeper might not be looking at you but the God is always looking at you all the time. So, one should never steal."

Rosy understood the words of her mother and went back to the shop to return the toffees to the shopkeeper. The shopkeeper felt happy on seeing her honesty and gave her some toffees as a reward.

46. Who is the **main** character in the story?
- A. God
 - B. Rosy
 - C. Rosy's mother
 - D. the shopkeeper
47. Where does most of the story take place?
- A. in a shop
 - B. in a school
 - C. in a supermarket
 - D. in another customer's home
48. Why did the shopkeeper give some toffees to Rosy?
- A. Rosy stole them.
 - B. Rosy paid money for them.
 - C. The shopkeeper rewarded Rosy.
 - D. The shopkeeper punished Rosy.

49. Who is telling the story?
- A. Rosy
 - B. Rosy's mother
 - C. the shopkeeper
 - D. someone who knows them all
50. What is the moral of this story?
- A. Stealing is bad.
 - B. Think before you act.
 - C. One bad turn deserves another.
 - D. It's easy to despise what you cannot have.

Read the passage below and answer questions 51 – 55.

Black Dog:	Well, where is it?
Dr. Livesey:	Where's what?
Morgan:	The treasure.
Squire:	Why, haven't you got it?
Silver:	No, sir, we haven't. And the boys are thinking that maybe you'd made a copy of the map and got there first.
Squire:	We did no such thing. We gave you our word.
Black Dog:	Word be damned! We found the spot, and we dug, and all there was was empty chests. The treasure's gone somewhere and we want to know where.
Smollett:	I assure you, we know nothing of the treasure.
Black Dog:	That's where you're making a mistake, Captain. I would. On the stroke of ten, if you haven't come clean, I'll slit Jim Hawkins's throat.

51. The above extract is taken from a
- A. novel.
 - B. play.
 - C. poem.
 - D. story.

52. What is this extract about?
- A. killing of Jim Hawkins
B. looking for treasure
C. lost on an island
D. pirates on the sea
53. What is the issue in this extract?
- A. Where is the treasure.
B. Someone stole the treasure.
C. What is in the treasure chest.
D. Black Dog wants to slit a throat.
54. Where do the events in the extract take place?
- A. in a town
B. in a village
C. on an island
D. on the sea
55. The language used in this extract is
- A. narrative.
B. descriptive.
C. poetic.
D. conversational.

Read the passage below and answer questions 56 – 60.

Greenhouse Gases

Our planet, Earth, is getting warmer and this is causing climate change. Climate change may bring very hot or very wet weather.

The temperature is rising because of an increase in greenhouse gases in our atmosphere. Greenhouse gases are gases that trap heat and keep it in our atmosphere. When we use fuel for our cars, factories and machines, greenhouse gases are released. The main greenhouse gas is carbon dioxide. A lot of carbon dioxide is released when we cut down forests.

56. Climate change occurs when
- A. the earth gets warmer.
B. the sun shines for too long.
C. very hot weather happens.
D. very wet weather happens.

57. The earth's temperature is rising because of
- A. an increase in sunshine.
 - B. a decrease in carbon dioxide.
 - C. a decrease in greenhouse gases.
 - D. an increase in greenhouse gases.
58. What do greenhouse gases do?
- A. provide fuel for the cars
 - B. provide oxygen to people
 - C. trap heat in the atmosphere
 - D. release carbon dioxide in the air
59. An example of a problem a country like Fiji can suffer due to climate change is
- A. frequent flooding.
 - B. earthquake.
 - C. light rain.
 - D. sea breeze.
60. How can you take responsibility to reduce climate change?
- A. plant more trees
 - B. do not mow the lawn
 - C. play more video games
 - D. get an air conditioner for your home

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